

***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

Applicants: Ichiro IWAI et al.

Title: METHOD FOR EVALUATING TRANSPARENCY AND  
WATER HOLDING CAPACITY OF STRATUM CORNEUM  
USING OXIDIZED PROTEIN IN STRATUM CORNEUM AS  
AN INDICATOR

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed August 12, 2008, Applicants hereby provisionally elects Group I, Claims 1-2, for examination, without traverse.

Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the subject matter of non-elected claims.

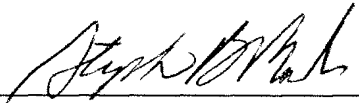
Applicants now await an early favorable action on the merits of the pending claims in the present application. Should Examiner feel that a discussion would advance this application, the Examiner is courteously invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney by telephone.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment instructions in EFS-Web being incorrect or absent, resulting in a rejected or incorrect credit card transaction, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extension fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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